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SUBJ: AYARI ELECTED PRESIDENT ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. CHEDLI AYARI, CURRENT TUNISIAN MINISTER OF PLAN, HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SINCE BANK'S KHARTOUM HEADQUARTERS NOT YET ESTABLISHED, MINISTRY OF PLAN OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT AYARI WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN PRESENT POSITION IN TUNIS FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE OR AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER TIMAN VISIT END OF FEBRUARY.

2. COMMENT: AYARI'S ELECTION THIS POST, AS WELL AS ABDELWAHAB LABIDI'S PRESIDENCY OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, REINFORCES TUNISIAN VIEW THAT THEY CAN PLAY LEADING ROLE IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FURTHERING AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. TUNISIANS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AT PRESENT IN FACILITATING USE OF ARAB OIL FUNDS TO HELP MEET DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF POORER AFRICAN

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STATES (TUNIS 179), AND AYARI'S APPOINTMENT WILL CLEARLY

STRENGTHEN THEIR ROLE. WITH DEPARTURE OF AYARI, GOT,
AT IMPORTANT TIME IN TUNISIAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS,
WILL LOSE ONE OF ITS MORE ARTICULATE AND SOPHISTICATED
ECONOMISTS WHO IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH US.

3. DEPT. MAY WISH TO CONGRATULATE AYARI DURING HIS
CURRENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

4. FOR KHARTOJM: EMBASSY POUCHING AYARI BIO.
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